



BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PLANNING AHEAD

NOVEMBER 4
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

NOVEMBER 6
ELECTION DAY

NOVEMBER 8
MELL EVANGELISM/MISSIONS TEAM

NOVEMBER 12-13
GBMB ANNUAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 22
THANKSGIVING DAY
(MELL OFFICE CLOSED)

NOVEMBER 27
MELL ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING
TEAM

NOVEMBER 29
MELL ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

DECEMBER 1
DOWNTOWN CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
MINISTRY

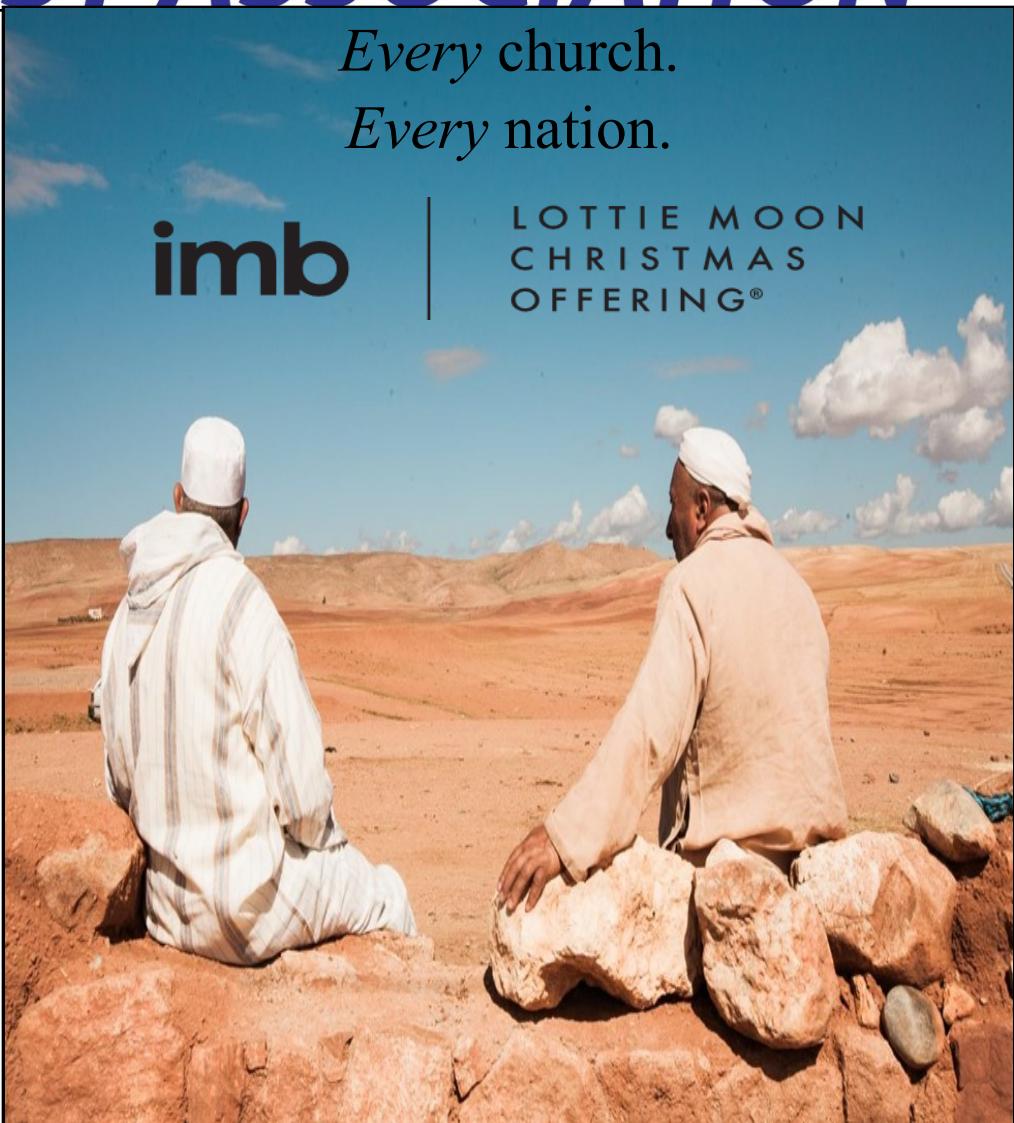
DECEMBER 2-9
WEEK OF PRAYER INTERNATIONAL
MISSIONS

DECEMBER 6
MELL EVANGELISM/MISSION TEAM

DECEMBER 6
MELL MINISTERS/WIVES CHRISTMAS
BANQUET

DECEMBER 13
MELL ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

DECEMBER 17-JANUARY 1
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
(MELL OFFICE CLOSED)



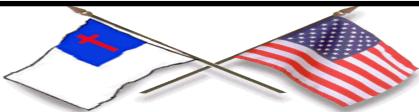
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November 2018

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AM THOUGHTS

To God be the Glory, great things He has done! That is how many of us feel about our Annual Meeting held yesterday (October 21) evening. Thank you, First Baptist Ty Ty, for hosting us in such a welcoming way! Thank you, Steve Tucker, Moderator, for the way you led the association last night. You are to be commended. I especially want to say a big thank you to Steve for the way he stepped up from being the Associate Moderator to Moderator when the elected moderator left back in 2016, and then being willing to be elected for a full one-year term. You have served well through some challenging times as you adjusted to a new Interim Associational Missionary, a new full-time Associational Missionary, the purchase and remodeling of an office building, and changes in the structure of the association!

We elected a new moderator, Rodney Owens (FB Ty Ty), and a new Associate Moderator, Wayne Roe (FB Tifton). We approved a new member of the Administrative Team, Cecile Gilliard (Omega). We also approved a full slate of Officers, Leaders, and Teams. The proposed 2019 Budget was approved which is a slight decrease from last year's budget. We heard testimonies encouraging churches to consider increasing their giving to the association to 3% of their undesignated receipts.

Congratulations to CrossView Baptist Church (pastor, Greg Love) and First Baptist Church Chula (pastor, Brian Allen) for being our Churches of the Year! They were both up in eight of ten categories. All our churches were up in at least one category and 15 were up in at least four categories.

We celebrated what God has done through our Encouraging/ Strengthening Team and Evangelism/Missions Team through church prayer partnering, SS Training, THRIVE Roundtables, purchase of a shower trailer for Tapestry Church, Atlanta, mission trip to assist Tapestry Church, ministry at Jake's Day, ministry of the Food Pantry, and so much more! Thank the Lord for an active association!

The worship service was truly a time of worship as we sang the songs of the faith sensing the presence of the Lord! We heard a testimony from one of the members of the mission team that went to assist Tapestry Church. An offering of \$2,810 was given for Disaster Relief to be divided equally between Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief and NAMB Disaster Relief (designated for Florida). Thank those who attended for your generosity! We heard a challenging message from Mike Stone, pastor of Emmanuel BC, Blackshear, based on Psalm 78:1-7 about reaching the generations not yet born with the Gospel so that they can tell their children that same Gospel.

I want to thank all those who had any part in planning and/or carrying out the Annual Meeting. It is my opinion that God was honored! God is good all the time, and all the time God is good! Thanks for letting me be a part of what God is doing through the Mell Baptist Association!

Please pray for the Georgia Baptist Annual Meeting November 11-13 at Second Baptist Church, Warner Robins. Pray for God to be honored. Pray especially for Mike Stone, President, as he presides and for those who will be preaching, praying, reading Scripture, giving reports, leading in worship through song, and those who attend.

Our Mell Ministers/Spouse Christmas Banquet will be Thursday, December 6, at 6:30 PM at the Spring Hill Country Club. Reservations are required by calling the office (386-0865) or emailing thocutt@gmail.com. Please encourage your pastor to attend. We have good food and fellowship!

The Mell Baptist Office will be closed as usual the last two weeks of the year. The last day the office will be open is December 13. The office will reopen on January 2. I can always be reached by calling my cell (733-8911). **Tom**

Community News:

Santa's Helpers



December 3-December 13
Packing at Fair Grounds

December 12
Youth Packing and Pizza Party

December 18
Distribution of Packages
9:00 until 4:00



Useful Links:

Southern Baptist Convention
<http://www.sbc.net/>

North American Mission Board
<http://www.namb.net/>

International Mission Board
<http://www.imb.org/>

Georgia Baptist Mission Board
<https://gabaptist.org/>

Mell Baptist Association
<http://mellbapt.com/>

Christian Index
<http://christianindex.org>

CELEBRATIONS

November

Birthdays

3	Gerald Purvis	Victory
4	Gary Cadwell	Oak Grove
15	Kevin Kilgore	Northside
20	Sandy Donovan	Tifton, First
24	Larry Layfield	Mt. Zion
28	Sam Jones	Northside
30	Edna Ruth Gilbert	New River

Anniversaries

6	Rev/Mrs. Steve Tucker	Liberty
22	Rev/Mrs. Brian Broome	Northside

Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

8	Jimmy Parker	Brushy Creek
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December

Birthdays

8	John Werner	Lakeview
14	Stacy Ring	Salem
21	Steve Tucker	Liberty
23	Nerily Lopez	Vida Abundante

Anniversaries

9	Rev/Mrs. Rodney Owens	Ty Ty, First
18	Rev/Mrs. Allen Mullis	Omega

Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

28	Les Gilbert	New River
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Churches wishing to inform the public of upcoming events, please forward the information about the event to our office via email or snail-mail so that it will arrive by the 20th of each month for inclusion in the newsletter.

Our mailing address is:

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Food Pantry 2018

November	Northside
December	Brookfield

Food Pantry 2019

January	Liberty
February	

March	
April	

May	
June	

July	
August	

September	
October	

Unity	
Eastside	

The Food Pantry served 21 households in September.
If your church would like to sponsor the Food Pantry for a month in 2019, give us a call at 229-386-0865 and let us



Operation Christmas

Child 2018

Collection Week:
November 12-19

Order free materials at
samaritanspurse.org

This year you may order new larger deco shoeboxes
for \$25 per 50 or plastic ones for \$18 per dozen

Note: Central Drop Off Location: **Eastside Baptist**

For more information or if you would like to
volunteer, call Richard Gaines at 386-5799
or e-mail occ@ebctifton.com.

Help collect shoeboxes from our
area so that children and their families can
experience God's love and salvation in
Christ!

Georgia Baptist Convention

Annual Meeting

November 11-13, 2018

Second Baptist Church

2540 Moody Road

Warner Robins, Georgia

Pre-Convention Rally

Preaching Conference

GBC Annual Meeting

November 11, 2018

November 12, 2018

November 12-13, 2018





BCM News

Those that wait upon the Lord will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint. This is a verse that has come to mind as I write this note. This past month has been a struggle. So many of my leaders and students have been distracted and attacked in their walk with God. We kept saying that **Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world.** We even scheduled a day of prayer and classes were canceled at lunch that day for the storm! The enemy has done all he can to stop the work of God! But, due to prayer, repentance, and reliance on God things are changing!

There was a sense of apathy for a while that was so strong it seemed you could cut it with a knife but now it seems the mood has been lifted! Last Friday night we had an outdoor movie – I CAN ONLY IMAGINE- about God forgiving a man who was abusive and his son in turn forgiving him. There was a good crowd and people were touched by the power of God's forgiveness. I was also able to talk this week with a young girl who with the power of the Holy Spirit was able to forgive someone and hear her pray for that person's soul and welfare!

Thank you so much for your prayers! I have seen many of you around town and shared my concerns and many of you have prayed for us. The leaders and I have learned a lot about spiritual warfare and the power of God this month! **No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.** Romans 8:37 Satan is doing all he can to snatch students away from God, please pray we will not get discouraged but keep praying, repenting, and relying on God! Thank you so much for hanging in there with us!

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FALL SUPPER LIST 2018

Oct. 29	FBC, Chula
Nov. 5	Mt. Zion
Nov. 12	FBC, Ty Ty
Nov. 19	CrossView
Nov. 26	BCM

Please let me know if you need to make changes.
We are thankful for your hard work!

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Mell Monthly Financial

(September, 2018)

Budget Needs:	\$ 9,718.09
Funds Received	\$ 8,949.27
Expenses:	\$12,185.70

MELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

Volume 2, Number 10, November 2018

Urgent Prayer

1. Pray for a spirit of prayer to sweep through our churches that would usher in true repentance and revival.

Local

1. Pray for our Purpose to become a reality: "Mell Baptist Association exists to encourage churches, strengthen churches, and partner with churches to reach people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ."
2. We are praying for our churches and pastors per an alphabetical list of churches. Pray this time for Northside Baptist Church (Fred Evers, pastor), Oak Grove Baptist Church (Gary Cadwell, interim pastor), and Omega Baptist Church (Allen Mullis, pastor).
3. Pray for the churches without pastors: Eldorado, Journey, Lenox, Mt. Zion, New River, Oak Grove, Victory, and Zion Hope.
4. Pray for our city and county officials in Tift, Cook, and Berrien Counties.
5. Pray for our schools, colleges, boards of education, superintendents, principals, teachers, and students.
6. Pray for the lost in your family and your circle of influence (work, school, recreation, neighborhood, etc.).
7. Pray for unity in the body of Christ in our association and surrounding area.
8. Pray for the monthly meetings of the Encouraging/Strengthening Team, Evangelism/Missions Team, and Administrative Team.
9. Pray for the Mell Baptist Association staff (Tom Hocutt and Charlene Fogarty).
10. Pray for the Baptist Campus Ministry at ABAC and Penny Chesnut as she leads.
11. Pray for the monthly THRIVE Roundtables that God would equip those attending to move their churches toward being healthier.
12. Pray for the Citywide Prayer Service November 15 at to be announced.

State

1. Pray for our state government officials.
2. Pray for the Georgia Baptist Mission Board: its Executive Director (Robert White), its ministries, and other State Missionaries.
3. Pray for Thomas Hammond the new Executive Director for the GBMB.
4. Pray for the GBMB Annual Meeting November 11-13 in Warner Robins and Mike Stone, President, as he leads.

Nation

1. Pray for our national government leaders.
2. Pray for the North American Mission Board, its president (Kevin Ezell), staff, and its missionaries.
3. Pray for the Southern Baptist Convention; Augie Boto, Acting CEO of the Executive Committee; and J. D. Grear, SBC President.
4. Pray for the revival of God's people and the spiritual awakening of our nation and the world.
5. Pray for the protection and support of our law enforcement, fire fighters, and EMS personnel.

World

1. Pray for the International Mission Board--its acting president (Clyde Meador), staff, and missionaries.
2. Pray for the 1.6 billion Muslims of the world that they would come to an understanding of who Jesus Christ is.
3. Pray for the Gospel of Christ to be shared to the unreached people groups in the world.
4. Pray for the protection of Israel, wisdom for Israel as they deal with their enemies, and for the peace of Jerusalem.
5. Pray for protection for our armed forces in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, and around the globe.
6. Pray that the people of Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, and North Korea would have stable governments and that they would have an opportunity to hear the Gospel and respond.
7. Pray for the persecuted Christians of the world.

ANSWERS TO PRAYER

1. Praise the Lord for the 68 messengers registered from 18 churches with a total of more than 200 attending the October 21 Annual Meeting. God was present! To God be the Glory!